

## House Resolution No. 1689

**Whereas**, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the Fox C-6 School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 27, 2004, with the retirement of fourth grade teacher Theresa Ponzar who has devoted more than three decades of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Theresa Ponzar has taught for thirty-one years at Antonia Elementary School, where she first distinguished herself as a sixth grade and kindergarten teacher; and

**Whereas**, a Senior MAP Leader for the Missouri Assessment Program and Chairperson of the Professional Development Committee, Theresa Ponzar has also enjoyed recognition by being listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers and for being a Fox C-6 Employee of the Month and a three-time nominee for Disney's Teacher of the Year Award; and

**Whereas**, Theresa Ponzar has supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and the Community Teachers Association; and

**Whereas**, Theresa Ponzar earned a Bachelor's degree in 1973 at Southeast Missouri State University, where she returned and earned a Master's degree in 1977; and

**Whereas**, a member of Our Lady's Church in Festus, Theresa Ponzar has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband of thirty-one years, John Ponzar; two children, John, who is a physical education teacher at George Guffey Elementary School, and Katie, who is an early childhood teacher at Lone Dell Elementary School; and four grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Fox C-6 School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Theresa Ponzar has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Theresa Ponzar, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ryan McKenna  
District No. 102

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1689, adopted April 14, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker